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REMARKSSpecification

By this amendment, paragraph [0032] has been replaced.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the disclosure because of informalities. As requested, reference numeral "78" of paragraph [0032] has been changed to "74".

Claims

By this amendment, claims 1, 12, 15, 19, 24, and 32 have been amended; and claims 5, 18, 30, 33, and 34 have been canceled. No claims have been added.

Claims 1-4, 6-17, 19-29, 31, and 32 are now pending in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mate.

Claim 5 was objected to by the Examiner as being dependent upon rejected base claim 1. Claim 1 has been rewritten to include all of the limitations of claim 5. Accordingly, claim 5 has been canceled. Claim 1 is therefore believed to be allowable.

Please note that claim 1 has also been amended to cancel the "having no means for..." recitation in favor of "being free of any form of adjustment". This has been done in order to avoid potential issues which could have been raised under 35 U.S.C. 112. This amendment is not being made in response to an objection by the Examiner, and no surrender of subject matter is intended thereby.

Claim 8 has been amended to correct a spelling mistake.

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Dependent claims 2-4 and 6-11 recite additional features of the invention and are therefore believed to be allowable for the same reasons recited above with respect to claim 1 and for the additional features recited therein.

Claim 18 was objected to by the Examiner as being dependent upon rejected base claim 12. Claim 12 has been rewritten to include all of the limitations of claim 18. Accordingly, claim 18 has been canceled. Claim 12 is therefore believed to be allowable.

Claims 15 and 19 have been amended to take into account the changes made to claim 12. Claim 20 has been amended to correct a spelling mistake.

Dependent claims 13-17 and 19-23 recite additional features of the invention and are therefore believed to be allowable for the same reasons recited above with respect to claim 12 and for the additional features recited therein.

Claim 30 was objected to by the Examiner as being dependent upon rejected base claim 24. Claim 24 has been rewritten to include all of the limitations of claim 30. Accordingly, claim 30 has been canceled. Claim 24 is therefore believed to be allowable.

Dependent claims 25-29 and 32 recite additional features of the invention and are therefore believed to be allowable for the same reasons recited above with respect to claim 24 and for the additional features recited therein.

Claim 34 was objected to by the Examiner as being dependent upon rejected base claim 32 and intervening claim 33. Claim 32 has been rewritten to include all of the limitations of claims 33 and 34. Accordingly, claims 33 and 34 have been canceled. Claim 32 is therefore believed to be allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-4, 6-17, 19-29, 31, and 32 are now allowable and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

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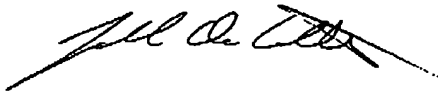
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Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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